



# GHOSTRIDER GAZETTE

Golf Battery, 1-79 Field Artillery

Class 523-08, 29SEP08, Week 4



Dear Family Member,

Hello again from beautiful Fort Sill Oklahoma. The weather this week was fairly cold with wind temperatures in the teens and 20's and wind-chills at times into the single digits, however your Soldiers are doing well and remain focused on training. Your Soldiers have successfully completed their partial first week of white phase and continue to show improved initiative and skill. Selected Soldiers have been appointed leadership positions within their platoons and are executing tasks directed by the Drill Sergeants. This allows them to work on the basics of time management, prioritization of work, communication skills, and completing tasks. By now, your Soldiers should be traveling home for Holiday Block Leave (19DEC08-02JAN09). I would like you wish you and them very safe travels and a very happy holiday season.

During the past week we trained on BRM (Basic Rifle Marksmanship). Late last week they fired at a range that has computers at each firing lane to show where the shots are hitting the target or just outside of them. This gives them confidence that they are consistently hitting the targets center mass and helps tighten the zero they achieved the week before (aligned their sights to be accurate). On Monday and Tuesday they conducted practice qualifications to allow them to see how the targets pop up and how much time they are given to fire at each. Wednesday was the big day, qualification. A majority of the soldiers shot well and qualified, with five Soldiers shooting EXPERT (<36 hits) with PVT James Flynn as our high BRM score of 39 out of 40 targets. Your soldiers shot at the same qualification range, each time building their confidence firing their M16 and learning how use their weapon with deadly accuracy.

The graduation letter will be going out the week after your Soldiers return from Holiday Block Leave. The graduation will take place at McMahon Auditorium – off post in Lawton. I will finalize the graduation information packet as soon as possible and send it out via US Mail and via e-mail so that you have the most accurate information possible. The packet will include the graduation letter, area hotel/motel and transportation information, maps, a schedule of events, and a vehicle pass. The vehicle pass is not absolutely necessary, and if you don't have it, you can still inform the Post guards that you are here for a Basic Combat Training Graduation, and present proof of vehicle ownership/rental agreement and a valid photo I.D. to gain access to Ft. Sill. So that you can begin making travel arrangements, Family day activities will begin Wednesday, 18 February 2009. Graduation is Thursday, 19 February at 1:00 p.m. If you are looking for hotels in the local area use the following link:

[http://www.2chambers.com/lawton\\_oklahoma.htm](http://www.2chambers.com/lawton_oklahoma.htm).

I continue to encourage you to write to your Soldiers once they return from Holiday Block Leave. Your Soldiers' mail will be held until they return and will then be distributed. The Soldiers are still receiving great letters and mail and a little bit of encouragement from home goes a long way! Letters are fine, but do not send packages that contain contraband (magazines, food, electronics, candy, soda, tobacco, pornography etc.). Again their address is: (Line 1) **Soldiers' name (Line 2) Golf Battery, 1-79 FA, PLT #\_\_\_ (Line 3) 5001 North Rothwell Rd (Line 4) Fort Sill, OK 73503**. If there is someone else that you know that would like to receive these updates please send me their email address. If you have questions pertaining to an emergency concerning your Soldier, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward seeing you all at graduation! Respectfully,

KYLE A. LIPPOLD  
CPT, FA  
Commanding

## Ghostrider Soldier's In Action!



Soldiers practice using the LOMAH system. (Location of Miss and Hit).



A Soldier is checked for excess brass and ammunition.



A Soldier lubricates his weapon prior to qualification.



A Soldier readies his aim to qualify.



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